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CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION PROVIDES PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION TO BROCK UNIVERSITY TO LAUNCH FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE MASTER OF ATHLETIC THERAPY (MAT)

This provisional accreditation marks a significant milestone for athletic therapy education in Ontario

CALGARY, AB | FEBRUARY 20, 2025 - The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is pleased to announce it has granted provisional accreditation to Brock University's Master of Athletic Therapy (MAT) program. With formal approvals from Brock University Faculty Senate, the Quality Council of Ontario, and the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, Brock University has met the necessary requirements to achieve this milestone in its accreditation process.

Set to launch in May 2026, Brock University's MAT program will offer students structured academic and clinical training experience through the Department of Applied Health Sciences, preparing them for a career as a Certified Athletic Therapist. Provisional accreditation allows the university to move forward with program implementation while continuing to fulfill additional requirements toward full accreditation.

"We are excited to welcome Brock University to the growing list of Canadian institutions offering accredited athletic therapy programs," said Mark Lafave, Co-Chair of the CATA Program Accreditation Committee and Certified AT. "The addition of the first English-language Masters of Athletic Therapy program at Brock reflects the increasing demand for high-quality education in this field and reinforces our commitment to developing the next generation of Certified Athletic Therapists across the country."

The accreditation decision follows an extensive review of Brock University's MAT program and its ability to meet CATA's accepted standard of athletic therapy education. With this achievement, Brock University joins a network of institutions across Canada shaping future Certified Athletic Therapists. The Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières also offers a French-language Master's program.

"This provisional accreditation is a testament to Brock University's dedication to excellence in health sciences education," said Certified AT Nicole Chimera, Associate Professor, Department of

Kinesiology, Brock University. “With the launch of the Master of Athletic Therapy program, we are excited to provide students with advanced training opportunities that will equip them to make meaningful impact in the field of athletic therapy.”

Applicants to the program must hold a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology, Physical Education, Exercise Science, or related field and meet the cumulative average requirements. After completing a Master of Athletic Therapy, graduates will become eligible for the National Certification Exam, and if successful, become a Certified Athletic Therapist. To see a full list of admission requirements and to learn more about the program, visit the webpage [here](#).

CATA is dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education and research. As the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists who practice in Canada, CATA grants accreditation to athletic therapy programs at post-secondary institutions. For further information regarding the CATA accreditation process, please [visit the CATA website](#).

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

CATA is the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists practicing in Canada. Established in 1965 by a group of Athletic Therapists working with professional hockey and football teams, CATA now represents over 3600 members. We are dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education, and research.

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